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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Transportation.

Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2014 0148

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Application for Construction Reserve Fund and Annual Statements (CRF).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on September 18, 2014 (Federal Register 56119, Vol. 79, No. 181) and comments were due by November 17, 2014. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Ladd, 202-366-1859, Office of Financial Approvals, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Construction Reserve Fund and Annual Statements (CRF).

OMB Control Number: 2133-0032

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection

Abstract: In accordance with Section 511 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended, all citizens who own or operate vessels in the U.S. domestic or foreign commerce and desire “tax” benefits under the Construction Reserve Fund (CRF) program, are required to submit to MARAD an application for

benefits. The annual statement provided to MARAD officials sets forth a detailed analysis of the CRF when each income tax return is filed. The application is required in order for MARAD to determine whether the applicant is qualified for the benefits, and the annual statements are required in order for MARAD to assure that the requirements of the program are being satisfied.

Affected Public: Owners or operators of vessels in the domestic or foreign commerce.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17

Estimated Number of Responses: 17

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 153

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

AUTHORITY: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.

Dated: December 2, 2014.

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